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Submission: I write regarding the restriction of Gold Opal cards to pensioner card etc holders. The recommendations in the report that senior card holders be restricted to a concession transport card, coupled with the increase to the daily fare limit, immediately imposes a 360% increase in the limit from \$2.50 to \$9.00 on weekdays for seniors. This is totally unacceptable.

You note in your report that there has been no increase in the \$2.50 limit for Gold Opal since 1 January 2005. This is not the fault of seniors. These have been government/political decisions. I agree that government should have taken steps over that time to increase the limit. However the tribunal has approached this by, in effect, attempting to make up 10 years of lost revenue by imposing a huge price increase.

I agree that those holding only senior cards should have a concession card, not a gold card. However, to be fair, the daily limits must be increased in stages along the lines of the approach for gold opal cards.